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Letters to Süddeutsche Zeitung

(Translation)

PETLYURA's importance

In the following I should like to return once more to the case PETLYURA which has resulted from a very deceptive remark in your newspaper. I think that now, after bringing this man in such a defaming company, you owe full justice to him.

The two letters you have published in order to rehabilitate him, entirely correspond to the truth, but they draw an incomplete portrait of him. Although it appears from them that since 1917 Symon PETLYURA was member of the government and since 1918 commander-in-chief of the army of defence, still it does not follow from them that since February 1919, as exponent of the Ukrainian Social-Democratic Party, he was even head of the Ukrainian People's Republic which was acknowledged as a completely independent state by most of the European countries, by Germany, too,—there was a Ukrainian consulate in BERLIN—and even by the Russian Soviet Republic under LENIN at BREST-LITOVSK. After the war its socialist (not communist!) government enacted the first laws on social reforms. Hence it comes that still today for the Ukrainian the conceptions of state independence and a real social progress are associated with PETLYURA's name.

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